



Waste Watch

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Boone County Solid Waste Management District E-Newsletter

Adopt-a-Bucket - Open to Lebanon Businesses



By now, hopefully you have heard of the Lebanon is the Cleanest City in Indiana campaign and seen the fruits of its labor. Over the past few years, the committee has launched its citywide efforts against litter. Our goal has been to make the City of Lebanon the cleanest city in Indiana through education, promotion and leadership to raise expectations and encourage participation from community leaders and individuals.

According to Keep America Beautiful, did you know?

- More than 51 billion pieces of litter land on U.S. roads every year.
- Litter decreases property value by 7%.
- Litter typically consists of cigarette butts (38%), paper (22%), plastic (19%) and the remaining a variety of items.

Since cigarette butts continue to plague our streets and sidewalks, the committee is launching a new program to work with our local Lebanon business owners. We would like to cost share on a stand-up butt bucket, like the one shown in front of Friendly City Games on the courthouse square. Multiple stand-up butt buckets have been placed in the downtown area and immediately made an impact according to the Lebanon Street Department. Now, the committee would like to see these stand-up butt buckets placed throughout the City!



The committee is able to purchase the same stand-up butt bucket that has been used throughout the downtown area for a reduced cost of \$110.00 from our local Kramer Lumber. We are willing to spread the cost savings. To receive a stand-up butt bucket as a part of this program, please fill out the request form (www.boonecounty.in.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=451) and submit either the full \$110.00 or \$55.00 as your portion of the stand-up butt bucket. The "Lebanon - the Cleanest City" committee meets on a monthly basis and its goal will be to review and approve each request during that time. If you have any questions or would like to become a part of the Lebanon is the Cleanest City in Indiana committee, please call chairman, Jerry Erskine at 765-482-0924. We look forward to making an immediate impact on your business!

Rain Barrel

AUCTION

Go to the "Do It Again Recycled Art Market" Facebook page to check out the rain barrels painted by local artists available for auction. Bidding will begin on Facebook and end at the conclusion of the Do It Again Recycled Art Market on November 8 at the Zionsville Town Hall. Thank you to the Zionsville Stormwater Dept. for donating the barrels & sealing them & to the artists for all of their talents!



Where Do I Take ... Plastic Shopping Bags to Recycle?

In celebration of America Recycles Day, the Solid Waste District is hosting their annual plastic bag swap at the District office! For every 10 plastic bags you bring in to recycle, the District will provide you with a reusable shopping bag that is made from recycled water bottles!

Recycling plastic bags is important for many reasons: 1. Plastic bags act as a wind sail and easily create litter in trees, farm fields and also clog storm drains 2. Plastic bags take 100s of years to decompose within a landfill 3. Recycled plastic shopping bags can be made into a variety of new products such as composite decking, benches & more shopping bags!



Let's join together, collect those plastic bags and recycle next week! **November 17-21** at the District office at 220 W. Washington St., Suite B100 in Lebanon. Please remember to use the west side handicap ramp to access our office! 8am - 4pm (Closed 12pm - 1pm). *****Helpful Hint: Place 9 bags inside of one & tie closed for easy counting*****

Upcoming Events

November 8 -



Zionsville Town Hall 10am-4pm

November 17-21 - America Recycles Day
Plastic Bag Swap
District Office

November 27 & 28 - District Office Closed
for Thanksgiving Holiday

